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Mr. K. A. Nachiyappa Gounder :—" Sir, in view of the fact that the report reveals that it has been all along considered as a productive scheme, may I ask the Hon. Member to consider it as a protective one? "

The Hon. Sir Charles Souter :—" That was also considered. If the hon. Member will read paragraph 6 of Mr. Mullings' report he will see that it cannot be held to be protective also as the failure of rains for the local crops must synchronize with the failure of this stream on which the crops are expected to rely."

Land Revenue Administration

Commutation rate of the price of paddy vis-a-vis *its present price.*

* 713 *Q.*—Mr. A. B. Shetty: Will the Hon. the Member for Revenue be pleased to state the commutation rate of the price of paddy and its present price in each district in this province?

A.—A statement [a] giving the commutation rate for paddy on which the resettlement of each district was based, and the commutation price calculated on the price of paddy in January 1936 is appended.

Mr. P. Peddi Raju :—" Are the Government aware that the difference between the commutation rates and the present rates is much lower in the Godavari delta, and if so, whether they will consider the claims of the Godavari delta for more liberal remission? "

The Hon. Sir Charles Souter :—" I would ask the hon. Member to read the figures carefully."

Sale of holdings in South Kanara for non-payment of land revenue.

* 714 *Q.*—Mr. U. C. Subrahmanya Bhatt: Will the Hon. the Member for Revenue be pleased to state—

(*a*) the number of holdings which were advertised for sale for non-payment of land revenue since February 1935 in South Kanara district; and

(*b*) the number of holdings actually sold in South Kanara, the value realized at each sale, the area of the property sold and the tax due from each?

A.—The Government have not the information.

Mr. U. C. Subrahmanya Bhatt :—" May I ask, Sir, whether in view of the importance of the question, the Government will call for the information? "

The Hon. Sir Charles Souter :—" I have already told the hon. Member once before that the proper course is to approach the Board of Revenue in the matter."

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Mr. U. C. Subrahmanya Bhatt:—" Sir, I am not referring to question No. 715. With reference to this question, No. 714, Sir, may I know whether in view of the importance of the question, the Hon. Member will call for the information and place it on the table of the House?"

The Hon. Sir Charles Souter:—" I think if the hon. Member will read paragraph (*b*) of the question, he will realize how impossible it is, in any reasonable time, to get the information."

Mr. U. C. Subrahmanya Bhatt:—" May I know whether at the next meeting at least it would be possible to get the information?"

The Hon. Sir Charles Souter:—" I do not think it would be possible as the next meeting is only three weeks off."

Alleged irregular assignment of communal lands in South Kanara.

* 715 *Q.*—Mr. U. C. Subrahmanya Bhatt: Will the Hon. the Member for Revenue be pleased to state—

(*a*) whether it is a fact that Achladi Hola in Achladi and Karadi villages in Udipi taluk had been used as communal land by the villages of Achladi, Karadi, Bannadi and Veddarshe from time immemorial for supplying their primary agricultural needs such as green manure, grazing, fuel and small timber for agricultural purposes;

(*b*) whether the said land was reserved for communal use from 1914 onwards as per orders on D.R. Nos. 1295, 1297, 1298, 1299, 1330, 1462, 1463 and Dis. No. 3129/29, dated 28th June 1929, and D.R. No. 250/1338 fasli;

(*c*) whether the same has now been assigned contrary to the said right of the villagers; if so, on what grounds;

(*d*) whether it is a fact that applications for the grant of the remaining portions of the said Hola are pending; and

(*e*) what the policy of the Government is with reference to waste lands enjoyed in common in South Kanara and whether the Government are not going to recognize the said rights?

A.—The attention of the hon. Member is invited to the answer given to his question No. 551 on 29th January 1936. The Government are not in a position to make any statement in the matter.

Mr. U. C. Subrahmanya Bhatt:—" May I know if the policy of the Government in regard to communal wastes in South Kanara has changed?"

The Hon. Sir Charles Souter:—" I have no idea that there has been any change of policy at all, Sir."

Khan Bahadur Mahmud Schamnad Sahib Bahadur:—" May I know if these lands are registered as porambokes or communal lands in the revenue register?"

The Hon. Sir Charles Souter:—" I think the hon. Member can very easily get that information from the Collector."